

Meeting Minutes
Meeting of June 25, 2015

A meeting of the Connecticut Siting Council (energy/telecommunications) was held on Thursday, June 25, 2015, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order with a quorum present by Vice-Chairman Murphy at 1:00 p.m.

Council Members Present:

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice Chairman
Larry Levesque
(designee for Chairman House)
Robert Hannon
(designee for Commissioner Klee)

Barbara Currier Bell
Daniel P. Lynch, Jr.
Philip T. Ashton
Michael W. Klemens

Council Member Absent:

Robert Stein
Chairman

Staff Members Present:

Melanie Bachman
Acting Executive Director/Staff Attorney
Fred Cunliffe
Supervising Siting Analyst
Christina Walsh
Supervising Siting Analyst

Robert Mercier
Siting Analyst
Michael Perrone
Siting Analyst

Recording Secretary:

Carriann Mulcahy

Minutes of June 11, 2015.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2015, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens and Mr. Levesque abstaining.

DOCKET NO. 440 – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 522 Colebrook Road, Colebrook, Connecticut. Transfer of Certificate and Request for Extension of Time.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Transfer of Certificate, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve a six-month extension of time, until February 6, 2016, to complete construction of the facility, seconded by Dr. Bell. The motion passed unanimously.

DOCKET NO. 451 – Homeland Towers, LLC Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at the Cheshire Wastewater Treatment Plant, 1325 Cheshire Street, Cheshire, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the development and management plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Hannon. The motion passed with Dr. Klemens voting no.

DOCKET NO. 456 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Plymouth Tax Assessor Map 054/065/016A-1, 33 Keegan Road, Plymouth, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact.

After reviewing the Draft Findings of Fact, Vice-Chairman Murphy conducted a non-binding straw poll of the council members with Mr. Ashton, Mr. Hannon, Mr. Lynch, Dr. Bell and Vice-Chairman Murphy in favor of the telecommunications facility with the revised access drive; and Mr. Levesque and Dr. Klemens abstaining.

Vice-Chairman Murphy directed staff to draft a favorable Opinion and Decision and Order to be reviewed at the next meeting.

DOCKET NO. 460 – TowerCo 2013, LLC and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Branford Tax Assessor's ID A8-0-3-16, 45 Rose Hill Road, Branford, Connecticut. Completeness Review, Schedule, Custodian of the Docket, Deposition of the Transcript.

No action was taken on this item.

PETITION NO. 1110 - The United Illuminating Company declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed Milford 115-kV transmission line upgrade project consisting of the northern and southern sections of 115-kV lines extending from Milvon Substation to Devon Tie Switching Station in Milford, Connecticut.

and

PETITION NO. 1151 – The United Illuminating Company declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed removal and replacement of the existing 115-kV transmission line structures in the Connecticut Department of Transportation right-of-way outside of Milvon substation located at 772 Bridgeport Avenue, Milford, Connecticut. Development & Management Plan

Dr. Klemens moved to approve the joint development and management plan with the conditions noted in the staff report, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed with Dr. Bell recusing.

PETITION NO. 1120 – The United Illuminating Company petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the Hawthorne Substation located at 180 Hawthorne Drive, Fairfield, Connecticut. Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, Decision & Order.

Dr. Klemens stated for the record that he read the transcript of the proceeding and was prepared to vote.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve the Draft Findings of Fact, Opinion, and Decision & Order, as amended, seconded by Mr. Levesque. The motion passed with Mr. Hannon and Vice-Chairman Murphy voting no.

PETITION NO. 1153 – Eversource Energy petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed modifications to the existing Sandy Hook Substation and associated transmission lines located at 13 Farmery Road, Newtown, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Bell moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1158 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing commercial building located at 398 Somers Road, Ellington, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Lynch moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITION NO. 1160 - Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless petition for a declaratory ruling that no Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need is required for the proposed installation of a small cell telecommunications facility on the roof of an existing industrial building located at 278 Oakwood Drive, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Decision.

Mr. Ashton moved to approve this petition, seconded by Mr. Lynch. The motion passed unanimously.

TS-EVER-057-150608 – Eversource Energy request for an order to approve tower sharing at an existing telecommunications facility located at 5 Perryridge Road, Greenwich, Connecticut. Decision.

Dr. Klemens moved to approve this tower share request, seconded by Mr. Ashton. The motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Matters.

Managing Temporary Linear Impacts Associated with Transmission Line Upgrades as it Pertains to Wetland-Dependent Biodiversity

The Council discussed the comments received from Eversource and the issues raised by Dr. Klemens regarding appropriate measures for use, cleaning, maintenance and disinfection of swamp mats.

The following calendar events were discussed:

- Tuesday, June 30, 2015, beginning at **2:00 p.m. (field review)/3:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. public hearing** for Docket No. 459 at the Glastonbury Town Hall, Council Chambers, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut. - **CANCELLED**
- Thursday, July 9, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Tuesday, July 14, 2015, beginning at **11:00 a.m. evidentiary hearing** for Docket No. 458 at the Connecticut Siting Council, Hearing Room 1, 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Thursday, July 23, 2015, beginning at **1:00 p.m.** energy/telecommunications meeting, in Hearing Room Two, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut.

Adjournment.

Mr. Ashton moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dr. Klemens. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Murphy adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James J. Murphy, Jr.
Vice-Chairman

JJM/cm